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SUBJ: TERRORISM: CIVIL GUARD KILLED IN BASQUE PROVINCES

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1. TERRORISM CONTINUES, UNFORTUNATELY BEARING OUT OUR ASSESSMENT IN REFTEL. AN OFF-DUTY MEMBER OF CIVIL GUARD WAS SHOT DOWN BY UNKNOWN ASSAILANT (PRESUMABLY ETA) OCT 18 IN ZARAUZ (THE BASQUE PROVINCE OF GUIPUZCOA). FUNERAL WAS ATTENDED BY NEWLY APPOINTED TOUGH DIRGEN OF CIVIL GUARD, LT. GEN. CAMPANO, SWORN INTO OFFICE ONLY TWO DAYS BEFORE IN THE PRESENCE OF A NUMBER OF POLITICAL LUMINARIES INCLUDING FORMER MINISTERS LOPEZ BRAVO AND SILVA MUNOZ (THE LEADER OF THE EMBRYO CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC-POLITICAL ASSOCIATION).

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2. A NUMBER OF "CORTES" DEPUTIES REPRESENTING A REFORM-

MINDED GROUP (INCLUDING JOSE MIGUEL ORTI BORDAS, A NATIONAL COUNCILMAN AND FORMER DEPUTY SEC GEN OF NATIONAL MOVEMENT) INTRODUCED OCT 18 A MOTION URGING THE REVISION OF THE LAW ON THE PREVENTION OF TERRORISM ADOPTED AUG 26, 1975. ACCORDING TO MOTION, PENAL SANCTIONS AGAINST TERRORISTS SHOULD BE BALANCED WITH GUARANTEES FOR THE RESPECT OF INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS. IT URGES A NEW LAW WHICH WOULD REMOVE ACTS OF TERRORISM FROM MILITARY JURISDICTION AND TURN THEM OVER TO THE CENTRAL PENAL COURT.

3. SPANISH NEWSPAPERS HAVE REPORTED TRIALS AND SENTENCES OF TERRORISTS AND CRIMINALS IN OTHER COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY WHERE THEY RESULTED IN DEATH SENTENCE. WEEKEND NEWSPAPERS, FOR EXAMPLE, NOTED THAT THE TWO SLAYERS OF A TAXI DRIVER IN BELGIUM WERE SENTENCED TO DEATH LAST WEEK AND THAT SO FAR THIS YEAR 20 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN EXECUTED FOR CRIMES IN THE SOVIET UNION.

4. THE LATEST SHOOTING OF A CIVIL GUARD MEMBER, COUPLED WITH THE RECENT ARREST OF ALLEGED FRAP ASSASSINS OF A POLICEMAN IN BARCELONA AND ETA MEMBERS IN THE BASQUE PROVINCES KEEPS THE TERRORISM QUESTION VERY MUCH IN THE FOREFRONT. STABLER

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